

That her maidens fairer was
And also brighter shene
And of more beautye then the quene.
And also of countenaunce and of he we
They would quite hym as trewe
yf he myght not stande there til,
He should abyde the kynges wyl,
This berdit was geuen before the king
The day was set her in to byrnyng
Suerties her founde to come agayne
Syr Gawayne, and Syr Ewaine,
Aals (he sayed) I shal dye,
Whylse I shal neuer see with ere
Eate nor drinke would he neuer,
But in wepyng and wo was euer,
So is he with sorow nome
He woulde his ending day were come
The man to hym was full wo
For a large spender then he
Came neuer in that countree
Therto was he fiers and bolde
Neuer a better in the kynges household.
The day was come of his appearing,
They brought the knyght before the kyng,
Hys borow was that hys suertyes was,
To appere before the kynges face
The kyng let it be reher sed there
Both the plenty and his answer,
He bad him byrnyng hys Lemon in sight,
And he answeret, that he ne myght.

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The wordes that I sayed eche one
wete ye wel I lyed of none
yf I so myght be taken thereby.
In that quarrel would I dye
for thys I say to you a lone
A fairer then he was neuer none
But of beautys and of shap
I am to synple to touche her laye
There was neuer man yet I wate
Emperour kyng, or high estate
where euer they dwel lar or nere
for her faitenes myght be her pere
Nor yet come within her boue,
But if it were, for her pleasure
I would desyre no more of sight
But once of her to haue a sight
Truly my lord for no more would I care
forthwith then to deayn would I fare
Not to displease her likerly
yet would I ye sa to her or I dye,
But it is not al my willing
It is as the wyll that moztie thing
Byng her forth the kyng sayes
That thou now to fast doest praisse,
To proue the soth that thou sayest of,
forsoth my lord that can I not,
The kyng sayed unto him thore,
forsoth thy disworship hys the more.
what may we know al here by
But that thou liest loude and hye,
The barons all had commaundement,

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